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Pennsylvania. I got in here about 7 o'clock this morning. I checked my grip at the station, got a cup of coffee and then wandered around for a time. I wanted to go to church, and I remembered that when I was here a year ago I went to St. George's, so I went there again.

For Dr. Reiland's sermon yesterday morning he took his text from Ephesians, chapter 4, eighteenth verse. The theme of this is: "There was ignorance of God through a darkened understanding and a blindness of heart." Interpreting this for his parishioners, Dr. Reiland pleaded with them to extend at all times the hand of good fellowship to strangers coming into the church, to any one who might seem without friends or at a disadvantage. He said that the church is the congregation to go out of their way to welcome and be agreeable to strangers.

Urged Welcome to Strangers

"It is impossible to estimate what a friendly handclasp might mean to a lonely heart, a distressed heart," the clergyman concluded, "or how the viewpoint of such a person might be changed from hopelessness to encouragement. That sort of attitude, that open-hearted behavior is the best example of what Christianity should mean."

Simkin was interrupted in the wofish consumption of a couple of sandwiches at the police station and asked if he had listened to Dr. Reiland's sermon. "I heard that appeal for strangers, but no one there ever spoke a word to me."

He was asked if his act had ever been inspired by malice engendered by fancied neglect from the people at the church. "I don't know. It may have," he said. "I don't remember very well; I don't know him. Two or three people jumped to stop me and I fired to scare them. As I ran out of the church some people called after me and then in the park I was stopped."

A plain clothes man appeared before the trial, and told the jury that he had seen the defendant, Dr. Reiland, at the church with a humped shoulder. The policeman had a length of nickle steel chain in his hand. Without a word Simkin stood up and pulled back the sleeves of his shirt and showed the jury the marks of his shirt and presented his wrists for the "come-along" with which he was then led to a patrol wagon and in that taken to Police Headquarters. He will be arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court this morning on the charge of murder.

Medical Examiner Norris performed an autopsy on the body of Dr. Markoe at the Lyngby Hospital, after which he announced that the bullet had entered the physician's brain through his left eyelid, fracturing the skull. The wound was a 38-caliber revolver bullet, and had torn such a hole in Dr. Markoe's brain that Dr. Norris said he believed the bullet had caused instant death. There were powder burns on the face.

The pews of St. George's Church have been free since 1888, when a new rector took charge and insisted that this practice be adopted. The only visible relic of the old custom is a silver plate at the entrance of the pew directly before the Morgan memorial pulpit. On this is engraved "Stuyvesant Pew."

The family of J. P. Morgan have worshipped there for five generations. The church was partially destroyed by fire in 1873, and largely through the influence of Mr. Morgan was restored brick for brick. He was intensely fond of the Gothic interior, which is perhaps the most colorful of any church in New York.

Detectives Search Grip

The detectives went to the Pennsylvania station, presented the check for Simkin's grip and then for several hours waded through a mass of papers that filled it almost to the exclusion of extra clothing. There were many religious papers and clippings of articles discussing religious topics. There was also a postal card which read: "Dear Friend Shelley: Received your letter. The address of the Hon. Clarence B. Miller is 1921 South Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Your friend, 'M'ULLOUGH."

Other papers in the bag revealed that McCullough was Joseph McCullough, of 2308 Fourteenth Street Northwest, Washington, D. C. Shelley told the police the man was a government

printer that he had met in his wanderings and that Clarence B. Miller was a former Representative in Congress whose name he wanted. He was pressed on this point, but insisted that he had "just wanted the name" because of the man was prominent. Mr. Miller now is secretary of the Republican National Committee.

There was another letter addressed to "My Own Dear Daddy," and it was signed "with love and kisses from our babies, Girlie." The return address on the envelope was 5118 Peabody Street, Duluth, Minn.

Markoe Founded Lying-In Hospital

**Was Native of New York,
58 Years Old and Was
Member of Many Clubs**

Dr. James Wright Markoe was born in this city July 19, 1862. He was the son of Thomas Masters Markoe and Charlotte Atwell Markoe. His father also was high in the medical profession. He went to St. Paul's School in Concord, N. H., and then to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. He took his degree in 1885.

As a young man he was an athlete. He spent much of his spare time in the gymnasium boxing, and was classed as one of the best amateur boxers at that time.

After he was graduated he went to Munich, Germany, where he spent a year studying medicine. On his return to New York, he became first house surgeon of the Sloane Maternity Hospital.

In 1890 he organized the Midway Dispensary, which was organized into what is now the Lying-In-Hospital. There he was the medical director and the attending surgeon.

The late J. Pierpont Morgan was greatly interested in this institution and it was one of his favorite benefactions. Dr. Markoe was a close friend of Mr. Morgan's, and was his surgeon. In his will Mr. Morgan bequeathed to Dr. Markoe an annual income of \$25,000 for life because of his service at this hospital.

Dr. Markoe was a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine and Consulting Gynecologist at Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was a member of the Metropolitan, Century, Racquet and Tennis and the New York Yacht clubs. For many years he was a vestryman of St. George's Church, where he met his death. He was married there in 1894 to Mrs. Annette Westmore. His daughter, Miss Annette Markoe, married William J. Schieffelin.

Herbert Satterlee Tells of Tragedy

**Says Assassin Arose From
Pew, Placing Pistol to
Dr. Markoe's Face**

Herbert L. Satterlee, in his home at 37 East Thirty-sixth Street, told yesterday how his old friend, Dr. James Wright Markoe, was shot at St. George's Church.

"I am only impressed into taking the collection when others are absent," he said, "and yesterday the sexton asked me to take the south side of the Sixteenth Street aisle. Dr. Markoe took the north side of the aisle."

"The south side is where the short pews are and they were not filled. Dr. Markoe had the longer pews; so I finished before him and was standing in the rear of the church waiting for the

collection when others are absent," he said, "and yesterday the sexton asked me to take the south side of the Sixteenth Street aisle. Dr. Markoe took the north side of the aisle."

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others. I was going to tell him that I'd beaten him, but he had got more money than I had."

"I watched him as he progressed from pew to pew. He was about ten rows from the last. He took the plate from under the pew and turned to pass it into the next when a man stood up, put a pistol right against his face and fired."

Dr. Markoe fell. The collection plate fell on the stone floor with a crash as of broken glass and the man moved toward the door.

"It all happened very quickly. As he ran he fired over the heads of the persons in the short pews on his right, and the bullet hit the wall. I suppose he wanted to frighten them into keeping their seats."

"Mr. Tiederman, the sexton, and I were in his way. Mr. Tiederman was further back than I. He fired at me and the bullet went high. He fired at Mr. Tiederman, who ducked."

"Then he ran out and I heard the patter of his shoes."

Congregation Bewildered

"Every one stood up. There was no panic, but they did not know what it was about. People didn't know whether it was a bomb or a gun. I walked down the aisle with my plate, telling people to sit down as I went, and I handed the offering to the minister."

"It was soon quiet. Four men carried Dr. Markoe out. The doxology was sung. Then Dr. Reiland congratulated the congregation on its behavior, and said: 'It was our good friend and vestryman, Dr. Markoe. A crazy man shot him.'"

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"It was a sad affair. Dr. Markoe was a leader among men and at the top of his profession. In his younger

days he was a great athlete, a good amateur boxer. I used to meet him in the gymnasium. If he had had a chance this man never would have got him."

"We used to play together when we were boys. He was a fine fellow, jolly, kind-hearted. I don't think he had an enemy in the world. He was always helping people."

"It is a coincidence that he should be taken to the very hospital he founded, and in which he was a director. It is a shame that such a useful man should be taken out of the world. He was a splendid friend."

Describes Capture of Assassin

William Fellowes Morgan, of 70 Park Avenue, was in the north aisle with Dr. George Emerson Brewer. In the center aisle were Robert Cutting and Henry W. Monroe, treasurer of the church.

He played with the doctor when he was a boy, and they were taking up the collection in the same aisle.

Dr. Brewer and Mr. Morgan chased the assassin and caught him. Mr. Morgan said he did not see exactly how the shooting occurred. He heard three shots and saw the man running. He and Dr. Brewer followed him across Rutherford Place, yelling for pedestrians to stop him. They caught him about halfway through the little park in Stuyvesant Square.

"As he ran," said Mr. Morgan, "he kept shooting his revolver behind him. When we seized him the weapon was in one of the broad pockets of his clothing. He reached for it and fired it through his coat. The bullet grazed Dr. Brewer's leg and set fire to the man's coat. He was evidently crazy, and kept saying: 'Shoot me! Kill me! We turned him over to the police.'"

Mr. Cutting said his back was toward Dr. Markoe at the time of the shooting and that he did not see the man. The first he knew about it was when he heard the shots.

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Escaped 3 Times From an Asylum

**Dr. Markoe's Slayer Was
Committed to Minnesota
Institution From Duluth**

From a Special Correspondent
FERGUS FALLS, Minn., April 18.—Thomas W. Simkins, who shot and killed Dr. James W. Markoe to-day in St. George's Church, New York, also was known as Thomas W. Shelley. He was born in England, where he worked as a printer and from whence he emigrated to Canada. After roaming throughout the Canadian Northwest he went to Duluth, from which city he was first committed to the insane asylum here.

After his second escape from the institution he was confined on the third floor, but got away a third time by braiding his sheets into a rope, by which he lowered himself to the ground. Efforts to recapture him failed. Subsequently, requests for his description were received from the police of Milwaukee and Chicago, for what reason was never made known.

Simkins was insane on religion. He read the Bible and prayed almost constantly, but was jolly and good natured and never showed any homicidal or suicidal tendencies here. He was well read and well informed on many subjects, and aside from his religious mania, he was extremely shrewd and quick-witted and possessed of remarkable cunning. After his commitment here it is understood his wife and two children left Duluth and returned to London.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., April 18.—Records of the State Hospital for the Insane here show that Thomas W. Simkins, who killed Dr. James Markoe in New York, was admitted for treatment at his own request March 15, after declaring that he had escaped from a Western institution, and remained until last Thursday, when he left without permission. He was not under restraint at any time.

Murder of Friend Shock To George W. Wickersham

George W. Wickersham, formerly Attorney General of the United States and a vestryman at St. George's Church, was told of the murder of Dr. Markoe by a Tribune reporter yesterday afternoon after he had arrived in New York from a trip out of the city. "This is shocking!" he said. "It is a terrible thing! Dr. Markoe was a warm friend of mine and a fellow vestryman."

Lawrence W. Atterbury, an attorney and one of the users at St. George's, declared the shooting of Dr. Markoe only emphasized the necessity for legislation or enforcement of present laws that would do away with the possibility of the criminal element to obtaining and carrying weapons about the streets of New York.

"There should be a more careful investigation of suspicious characters in public places," he said. "I am sure that the shooting took place, said it was miraculous that others in the congregation were not struck by the bullets from the man's revolver. The first bullet, which passed through a window, he said grazed the hats of several women."

Dry Verdict Expected To-day

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Supreme Court will reconvene to-morrow after a three weeks' recess. The feeling prevailed in some quarters to-day that an opinion on the validity of the prohibition amendment might be rendered to-morrow. A decision in the government's suit to dissolve the so-called anthracite coal trust, argued last October, also is expected at any time by officials of the Department of Justice.

Porter's Wife Will Testify In His Behalf

**Former Police Official to
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of Charges That He Was
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Faces Trial To-day

Colonel Augustus Drum Porter, formerly Third Deputy Police Commissioner, will offer an alibi as his defense when he goes to trial to-day in Judge James T. Malone's court on an indictment charging him with neglect of duty.

The alibi will be based on the sworn statement of Mrs. Porter, who will tell, according to reliable information, how she and the colonel visited a theater and afterward went directly home and to bed on the night he is alleged to have been in the apartment of Adele Goodall in West Ninety-sixth Street.

Colonel Porter will be defended by Martin J. Littleton. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith.

Porter Alleges Revenge

The principal witnesses against Colonel Porter will be Detectives Hilbert Wheelwright and Fred Sorger, who will testify, it is said, that they found the then Third Deputy Police Commissioner in the Goodall woman's apartment and that he ordered them not to arrest her. The case will be based on a desire to revenge themselves upon Colonel Porter for old grievances.

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